

All set for Metro phase I extension line inauguration

CMRS issues final certificate of approval

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Decks have been cleared for the inauguration of the 9 km Washermenpet-Wimco Nagar line under Chennai Metro Rail's phase I extension project as the Commissioner of Metro Rail Safety (CMRS) on Wednesday issued the final certificate of approval for starting operations, sources said.

On February 14, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate this stretch, which has been built at a cost of ₹3,770 crore.

A team of CMRS officials inspected the stretch for three days last week. "They wanted a few additional documents with regard to signalling, which were sent to them. Subsequently, after reviewing the reports, they issued the certificate on Wednesday," an official said.

The CMRS inspected a host of safety and passenger facilities to check if it was safe for commuters to travel.



Industries Minister M.C. Sampath checking the work at a Metro station on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Minister for Industries M.C. Sampath and Principal Secretary M.A. Siddiqui travelled in a train from Toll Gate till Wimco Nagar and reviewed the progress of construction work at stations.

"A majority of the work is over at all stations and only last-minute work is on. This will be finished in a day or two. The whole stretch will be illuminated on the eve of the inauguration," an official said.